

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18-29 and 31 have been allowed. Claim 23 has been amended to clarify the antecedent basis for the recited solvent. Claims 26 and 27 are identical to Claims 28 and 29. These claims have been amended to differ in scope from Claims 28 and 29 by reciting the two types of hydrocarbons (aliphatic or alicyclic) already described by independent Claim 18.

In view of the nature of the changes, no new search is required and no new matter has been added.

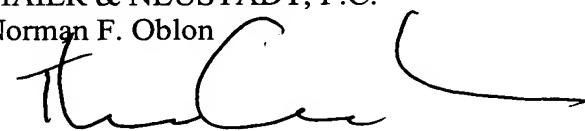
CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment prior to issuance of this application as a patent.

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